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SUBJ: SOVIET PROTEST ON STOYANOV'S VISA APPLICATION

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1. ANTIPOV, COUNSELOR USA DIVISION MFA, READ STATEMENT
TO ADMIN COUNSELOR MAY 12 ALLEGING EMBASSY STAFF MEMBERS
HUFF AND WILLEMS ACTED IMPROPERLY ON MARCH 27 BY "DETAINING
FOR MORE THAN ONE HOUR SOVIET CITIZEN STOYANOV WHO HAD
COMMITTED A CRIMINAL ACT BY ATTACKING THE MILITIAMAN WHO
WAS GUARDING THE EMBASSY. AS BECAME KNOWN, WHILE AT THE
EMBASSY STOYANOV, ON RECOMMENDATION OF THE EMBASSY, FILLED
IN FORMS FOR ENTRY TO THE UNITED STATES ALTHOUGH HE HAD
NOT ADDRESSED THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES FOR EXIT PERMISSION.
MOREOVER, STOYANOV AND HIS SON WERE ASSURED BACK-DATED
INVITATIONS TO VISIT THE EMBASSY. THE ATTENTION OF THE
U.S. EMBASSY HAS ALREADY BEEN DRAWN TO THE INADMISSIBILITY
OF SUCH ACTION TOWARD SOVIET CITIZENS."

2. ADMIN COUNSELOR REJECTED OUT OF HAND ANY SUGGESTION THAT
CONSULAR OFFICERS WILLEMS AND HUFF ACTED IMPROPERLY. POINTED
OUT THAT IT WAS HIGHLY IMPROBABLE THEY WOULD "DETAIN"
A SOVIET CITIZEN WHO HAD BEEN FORCED TO ATTACK A MILITIAMAN
IN ORDER TO OBTAIN ACCESS TO THE EMBASSY. ADMIN COUNSELOR
SAID HE KNEW OF NO AMERICAN REQUIREMENT THAT PERSONS MUST HAVE
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PERMISSION FROM THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT BEFORE EVEN APPLYING

FOR A U.S. VISA. SUGGESTED THAT PROBLEMS THIS NATURE WOULD NOT ARISE IF COMPETENT SOVIET AUTHORITIES WOULD INSTRUCT MILITIAMEN NOT TO PREVENT ACCESS TO PREMISES TO ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING LEGITIMATE BUSINESS WITH EMBASSY.

3. ANTIPOV SEEMED EMBARRASSED, PARTICULARLY BY REFERENCE TO RIDICULOUS ASSERTION THAT EMBASSY OFFICERS "DETAINED" SOVIET CITIZEN WHO FORCED HIS WAY INTO EMBASSY. HE DID NOT PURSUE MATTER AND QUICKLY TURNED TO ANOTHER SUBJECT.
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